

32. (New) The sustained release dosage form of claim 31, which provides an increase in the bioavailability of said antihyperglycemic drug if taken with food.

33. (New) A method of treating a human with an oral solid dosage form of metformin, comprising orally administering on a once a day basis to a human in the presence of food a controlled release oral dosage form containing an effective amount of metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and one or more materials controlling the release of metformin from the dosage form such that therapeutic levels of said metformin are attained in said human for 12 to 24 hours and a decrease in the bioavailability of metformin is not exhibited.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said administering is with or shortly after the evening meal and an increase in the bioavailability of said metformin is exhibited..

#### REMARKS

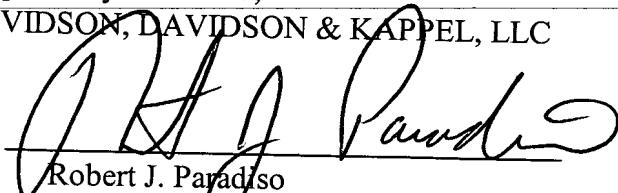
Claims 1-20 and 24-34 are pending. New claims 30-34 have been added. Support for new claim 30 is found, e.g., at page 5, lines 28-31. Support for new claim 31 is found, e.g., at page 3, lines 1-4; page 3, lines 9-15; and the parameters for Example 3 as set forth in Table 1 and Figures 7 and 8. Support for new claim 32 is found, e.g., at page 4, lines 4-7; and page 16, lines 19-22. Support for new claims 33 is found, e.g., at page 4, lines 7-13; page 3, lines 1-4; page 3, lines 9-15; the parameters for Example 3 as set forth in Table 1 and Figures 7 and 8. Support for claim 34 is found, e.g., at page 4, lines 4-10; and page 16, lines 19-22.

Accompanying this amendment is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on September 17, 2001 with a copy of all references, as well as a new Information Disclosure Statement.

It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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